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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Marc ALIZON et al.)
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Serial No.: 08/384,248)
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Filed: February 6, 1995)
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING)
ANTIBODIES TO ANTIGENS OF)
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY)
VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV 1))

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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL TO PAPER NO. 36

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 1997 (Paper No. 36),
applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 23, 32, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly
unpatentable over Wain-Hobson et al. (1985) in view of Hurn et al. (1980). The Office argues
that the availability of the complete nucleotide sequence of the λ -J19 clone enables the production
of viral antigens. The Office further argues that, since the sequence of the clone was not
disclosed until January of 1985, no priority date prior to this date can be maintained.
Consequently, the Office assigns a priority date of February 28, 1985, as the priority date of the
instant application, and considers the Wain-Hobson et al. reference as prior art.

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